IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: System and Methods for
Synchronizing Information Among
Disparate Datasets

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AMENDMENT

Sir:

     In response to the Office Action mailed February 18, 1999, please amend the above-referenced patent application as shown below. A Petition for Extension of Time is also enclosed herewith.

<u>In the claims</u>:

     Please amend claims 1 and 21 as shown below, and cancel claim 26. All claims are shown below for the Examiner's convenience. Claims that have not been changed are shown in small print.

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     1. (Amended) In a system providing one dataset in communication with another dataset, a method for synchronizing datasets comprising:

     receiving a request specifying synchronization of information records of a source dataset <u>residing on a first device</u> with information records of a target dataset <u>residing on a second device</u>;